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SUBJECT: SEC LAWSUIT AGAINST UNITED BRANDS

1. THE SEC,PURSUANT TO ITS LAWSUIT WITH UNITED BRANDS,
HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY UNITED BRANDS TO TURN OVER TO
UNITED BRANDS' COUNSEL TRANSCRIPTS OF THE FOLLOWING TAPES
WHICH WERE RECEIVED BY THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION
APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THE UNITED BRANDS BRIBE NOW IN SEC'S
POSSESSION:

(A) MEETING BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE SEC;

(B) BENNANTON'S TESTIMONY IN HONDURAS BEFORE THE
COMMISSION AND;

(C) THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

2. WE HAVE ASKED SEC NOT REPEAT NOT TO PROVIDE MATERIAL
TO UNITED BRANDS UNTIL WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK
COMMISSION WHETHER IT HAS ANY OBJECTION TO FURNISHING
MATERIAL. WE ARE PREPARED IF NECESSARY TO REFUSE REQUEST
ON GROUNDS THAT THESE TAPES, ESPECIALLY (B) AND (C), WERE
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3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. KISSINGER

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